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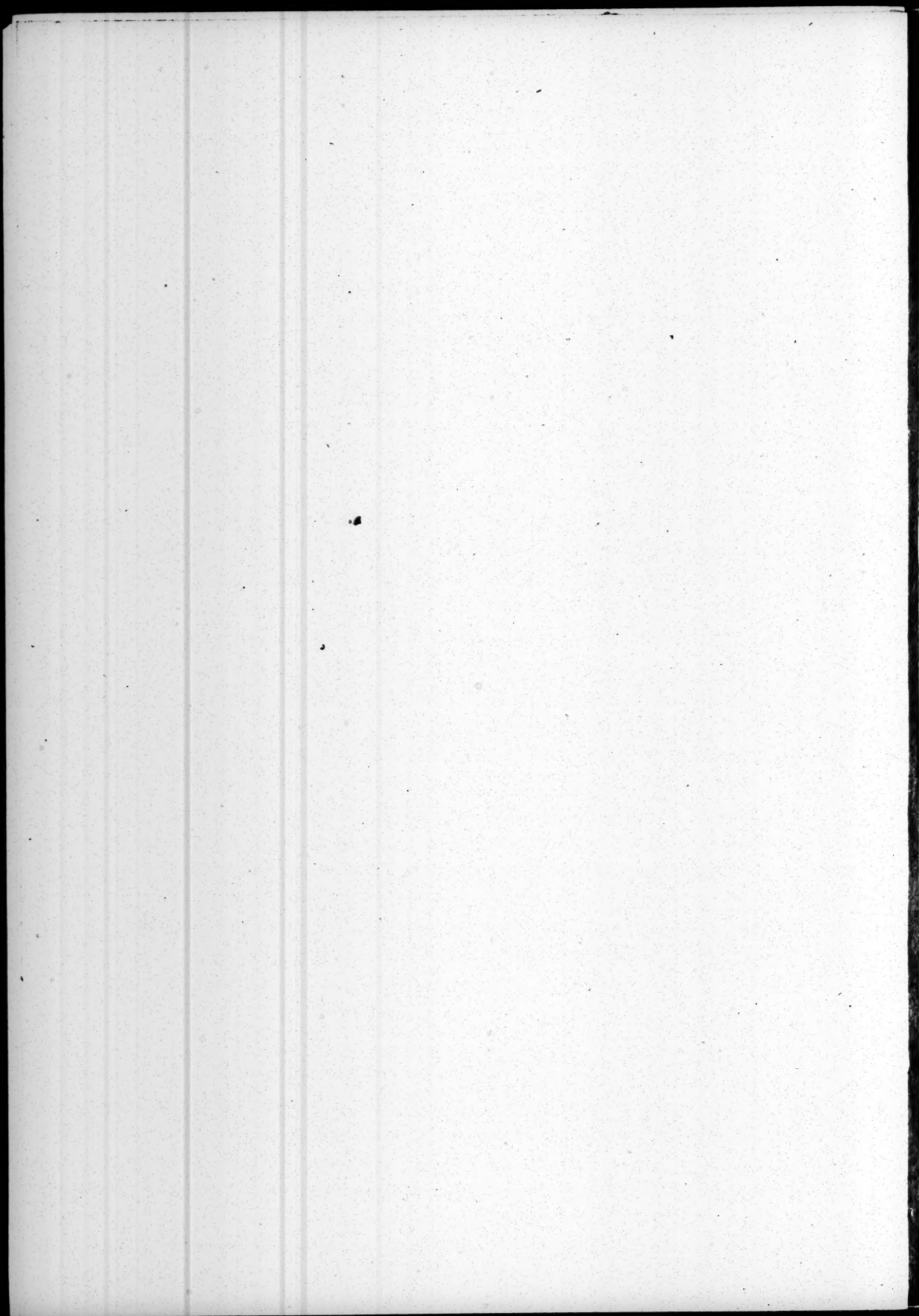
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VVith the Answer to
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*Achiauils rules doe whet the purest wits,
And doe expell them from their idle fits:
To wisemen they shewe the worlds follie,
With notice of preuenting deedes unholie:
Which is the true intent of the Authors meaning,*

How euer fooles their iudgements are bestowing.

Though the beginning doe of harshnesse taste,

And many things are hudled vp in hast:

And though there be instruction to ill,

Good vnderstanding the same doth kill,

And turnes those words vnto the truest sense,

Which for those faults doth make a recompence.

As the Answer by degrees plainly shoves,

What duty to Vertue each creature owes.

Condemne not all, till all be thoroughly past,

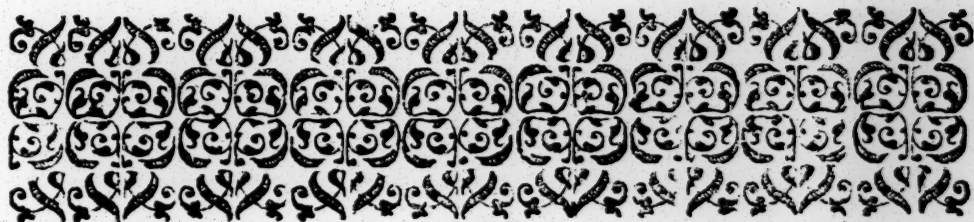
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THE VNCAISING OF MACHIAVILS INSTRUCTION TO HIS SONNE.



Om hither sonne & learn thy fathers lore:
It is not now as it hath bin before; (me,
For in my youth would no man reade to
That now in age I can deliuer thee.
If thou wilt be a man of much esteeme,
Be not the same what euer so thou seem;
Speak fair to al, be gentle, curteous, kind;

But let the world know nothing of thy minde:
Let slip no time may be for thine auaille,
Nor trust no friend, for faith begins to faile.
Refuse no gift to fill thy coffers full;
The wisest poore man passeth for a gull.
Be temperate in affect, sober in talke,
And often make a solitarie walke:
Tickle conceits, commit to memorie;
For written lines may lie in ieopardie.
Affect no follies, do no quarrels moue,
And if thou loue thy selfe fall not in loue:
Haue care for all men, conferre with few,
And count faire wordes to be but as a dew.
Follow the time, finde humours, flatter pride,
And praise the Groome, but only please the Bride.

Promise enough, but not performe too much,
But with thy betters euermore keep touch.
Striue not with great ones, meddle not with ſmall,
For trifles trouble not thy ſelfe withall.
Frequent the Church, make ſhew of great deuotion,
And be not baſhfull to receiue promotion.
Looke big at Beggars, weare thy clothes neat,
And ſpend not too much money at thy meat.
Saue thy Horſe charges at thy counſins ſtable,
And take thy trencher at anothers table.
Breake ieſts on cowards, but take heed of knaues,
And loue no Bawdes for they are beaſtly ſlaues.
Be perfect in Arithmeticks cloſe art,
In all accounts to make a ſauing part.
Stand not to ſtare vpon a Peacocks taile;
Who if he ſee his legges, will ſtoup his ſaile.
When Iack-dawes charter let their language goe,
Better be ſilent then to prattle ſo.
Obſerue the Lion, but do not ſtirre the Beare,
And loue the Wolfe but onely for his haire:
Learne of the Aſſe to beare, the Dogge to wait,
And of the Ape, to counterfeit conceit.
Catch not at Flies, they are but Swallowes food,
But loue the meate that nourifeth the blood.
Feed like a Wolfe on blood while it is warme,
He is a foole that feeles anothers harme:
Yet ſeeme as kind as ſhe that ſeemes to crie,
To ſee him ſicke that ſhe could wiſh to die.
Take heed of intereſt, gage no land,
And from aſſurance euer keepe thy hand.
Take no mans word, for coine is hard to get,
And 'tis a cuſtome now to pay no debt.
Learne to get riches by the beggars purſe:
The Fox fares beſt when Geese begin to curſe.

Worke all the weeke for profit euery way,
Keepe conſcience onely for the holy day.
Prie into trades to traffique, traine, and trickes,
And liue not by the dead but by the quicke.
And if thou be a Courtier, know thy place,
But do not ſerue for onely ſhew of grace :
But let thy profit answer thy expence,
Leſt want do proue a wofull patience ;
And thou doe proue the prouerb often tolde,
A careleſſe Courtier young, a begger olde.
If that thou be a Scholar and canſt preach,
And knoweſt how the vnlearned ſort to teach,
Let neuer conſcience at thy profit knocke,
But ſhare the Sheepe, and fleece another flocke :
For be thou poore, what e're thy preaching be
Thy Pariſh will not care a pin for thee.
If that thou be a Souldier ſerue for fame,
But let thy golden pay maintaine the ſame :
For he that ſpends more then he gets in fight,
Will be a begger though he be a Knight.
If that thou be a Lawyer know thy right,
But keepe thy Client in a cunning plight :
For how canſt thou a heartie pleading hold,
If that thy tongue be not well tipt with gold ?
And rich attir'd, thou ſhalt haue roome to ſtand
To plead thy cauſe what e're thou haſt in hand ;
But barely clad, and in a poore aray,
Thou may'ſt perhaps haue hearing at Doomes day :
For though the Law be right, and Iudge be iuſt,
Yet with the rich the begger muſt not thruſt.
If that thou be a Merchant know thy trade,
And of thy wares what reckning may be made ;
And be not lauish in a leaud expence,
Leſt bankrout proue a bad experience.

If that thou be a Craftf-man know thy paines,
 And let no Alehouse eat out all thy gaines;
 For if expence aboue thy gettings goe,
 Thou wilt be quickly in the beggers rowe.
 What saies the crafty Clowne in clowted shooes;
 Time was ordain'd to get, and not to loose.
 VVhat though the poore lye staruing in the ditch?
 It is the dearth of Corne makes Farmers rich.
 Weare not thy shooes to short, nor cloake to long,
 Vse thy friend well, but doe thy selfe no wrong.
 Abandon fooles, make much of cunning wits,
 But fauour most, that most thy profit fits:
 Sit not vp to late, except it be for gaine;
 For want of sleepe is hurtful for the braine.
 Goe not to Sea, whiles thou mai't liue on land,
 Lest scaping rockes, thou fall vpon a sand.
 Be sociable in euery company,
 But haue no hand in any villany.
 „ If thou finde humors to passe reasons race,
 „ Depart in time, let others take thy place,
 „ Such companions better lost then found,
 „ Vaine humored wits cannot be very sound:
 „ Though for thy gaine, thou kindly dost entreat them,
 „ Yet know thy time, when, and how to reiect them.
 Be conuersant with strangers, learne languages,
 Sound their estates, and note their carriages,
 Know their seuerall wares, their worth, and prizes,
 But trouble not thy head with vaine deuises.
 „ Do thou seuerely looke to euery action,
 „ And let their errors yeeld thee satisfaction,
 „ That thou by them mai't easily seeke to rise,
 „ In doing this, the rich will hold thee wise.
 Aime still at profit, howsoe're it growes,
 Make the winde serue, wheresoe're it blowes

Then

„ Then cheerely hoist vp saile, and on apace,
„ Labouring so that thou arriue with grace: (store,
„ Then welcome home, if crownes thou hast good
„ But wanting that, respectlesse euermore.
„ No pennie, no *Pater noster* men crie,
„ And that pouertie parts good companie.
„ These prouerbs old, thou seest are very true;
„ If thou hast wealth, what miserie can insue?
„ All men will then grace thee with cap and knee,
„ And praise thy life how vilde soe're thou be:
For 'tis this wealth, this profit, and this gaine,
That dyes the colour euermore in graine.
Learne thou the Physitians and the Lawyers see,
And for thy profit speake as faire as hee:
Promise the one good speed, the other good health;
In any course 'tis good to gather wealth.
„ Men must not liue these dayes by foolish pittie,
„ In getting coyne accounted very wittie.
Learne all diseases and their seuerall cures,
And care not what the patients heart endures;
But giue him one day grieffe, another ease,
Not as his patience, but as his purse doth please.
„ It is not sighes, nor sobs, nor pinching paine
„ Thou must respect, when that thou leek'st for gain.
„ Let them grieue, chafe, and euermore be fretting,
„ So thou by them may'st happily be getting.
Learne Cards and Dice, and euery cheating play
That may bring in thy profit any way.
Learne thou to stop a Card or cogge a Die,
But shift it cleanly from the gamesters eye.
At Ruffe and Trumpe note thou the dealers rubs,
There is no pack without the Knaue of Clubs.
„ Pittie not when thou hast caught the connie,
„ Oh how sweet it is to share the monie!

„ It makes good cheere, and welcomes many a guest:
 „ Vnto a stately house, a stately feast,
 „ And brings content while pittie sits and pines,
 „ In griefe and paine, and many hungrie signes,
 „ When louely wealth in Iouall spirit sings,
 „ Soaring aloft with richest golden wings;
 „ Commanding all those vassals poore and base,
 „ And euer seated in the highest place,
 „ With pleasure feeding on the daintiest faire,
 „ And all delights accounted very rare,
 „ With Musick sweet, much mirth and iollitie,
 „ With gallant sports and merrie companie.
 „ Thinke on these, and do but rightly weigh them,
 „ Thrice happy he, so happie hath them:
 „ Be carefull then that something may come in;
 „ Though some repine thou needst not care a pin:
 „ For when those meanes vnto thy coffer send,
 „ A Pot or a Pinte makes a foole amends;
 „ Yet bestow not this nor any else vpon him,
 „ Except to gaine some greater matter by him.
 „ Secke any meanes or course that may enrich thee,
 „ The richest sort then kindly will embrace thee.
 Dandle the childe, grow inward with the Nurse,
 And thinke no beggerie base that fills the purse.
 „ Be not ouer-nice nor coy amongst proude ones,
 „ Humor them, and flatter thou the small ones;
 „ That they as instruments may serue thy turne.
 „ Stand farther off when thou beginst to burne:
 „ Haue conference with as many as require it,
 „ And be merrie with those that desire it.
 „ But still be sure to keepe thy tongue from prating,
 „ Which is most base, and breedeth euer hating:
 „ Trust not too farre, though promises be made,
 „ Lest that the substance turne vnto a shade.

„Great dangers lie in ſhewes of ſeeming kinde,
„He is a foole lets all men know his minde:
„Firſt trie, then truſt, according to thy pleaſure,
„Be pleaſing to all, yet all within a meaſure.
Laugh with the Leacher, at maidens baſhfulneſſe,
And with the chaſte, at fleſhes filthineſſe.
And with the Spend-thrift, at the Miſers bags,
And with the Miſer, at the beggers rags;
„And with the Glutton, at poore hungry c leare,
„And with the hungry, at a pleanteous yeare;
„And with the learned, at a ſimple wit,
„And with the fooliſh, at a frenzie fit;
„And with the craftſ-men, when they are deceiuing
„So that ſomething to thee may be ſharing.
Learne all Religions, be of euery Sect,
And chiefly to thy profit haue reſpect.
„Let conſcience knocke, care not for that at all,
„If thou haſt coine, no matter who doe fall?
For this ſame conſcience is ſo poore and bare,
That moſt ſhee ſhifts amongſt the beggers ſhare.
„Induring hunger, cold, and bitter ſtormes,
„Reprochtful termes, with many hurts and harmes;
„Courſely clad, all rags, and worne aſunder,
„And worſt of all, baſely ſtill kept vnder.
„In meane eſtate helpleſſe ſtill remaining,
„Of better ſorts euermore diſdaining.
In ſumme, of what eſtate ſo ere thou be,
Learne to be rich, for that will hold with thee,
„What matter though men point at thy folly,
„Thou maiſt with the pureſt ſeeme as holy:
„With yea and nay, verely and indeed,
„With demured looke with them good ſpeece,
„Which is a cloke ſufficient for thy euil,
„Almost able to deceiue the Deuill.

„ And accuse them, that say thou offerest wrong,
 „ Such cruell deedes to wicked doth belong.
 „ This is the course, in humoring every sect,
 „ A better meanes thy profit to respect.
 „ Of these pure-ones, learne to dissemble so;
 „ Thine shall be the profit whosoe're the woe:
 Perswade a slaue he is halfe a Gentleman,
 Though he doe drop out of of a dripping pan:
 It is no matter if his purse can beare it,
 His rascall pride will neuer blush to heare it.
 „ Extoll a foole, and he will still be grinning,
 „ No matter what, so thou by him be winning.
 Perswade a Clowne that he is halfe a Knight,
 And that his wealth deserues the place aright:
 And his Maid marrian with her wain-scot face,
 Might be a Lady but for lacke of grace,
 And make her thinke that she is halfe a Queene,
 Or scarce on earth is such an other seene,
 For vertue, beaurty, wit, shape, and feature,
 Though God he knows, that she is no such creature:
 But if she doe applaude it, 'tis no matter,
 He is a foole, for profit cannot flatter.
 Time is now to trifle or dandle,
 For gaine, fore the Diuell, hold a candle:
 And hold it as a deed that's wisely done,
 Or as as a prize that's brauely wone.
 Commend a Souldier when he is in Crownes,
 And sweare a Knight must gouerne ouer Clownes;
 In many a Campe how he his Caske did beare,
 Although poore Coward he did ne're come there.
 But yet thy flattery be sure so to frame,
 Thine may be the gaine, though his the shame.
 „ If thou findest him simple with money store,
 „ I hope thou wilt finde wit to make him poore.
 „ Then

„Then ſmiling ſay, I pittie your eſtate
 „It is with you now, as 'twas of late:
 „But be content, no doubt but God will ſend,
 „With this depart, his monies thine to ſpend;
 „Then ſee thou meete him not in any caſe,
 „Nor come not in where he ſhall be in place,
 „Leſt to expence, he after ſeekes to driue thee,
 „Or by ſome meanes borrowes mony of thee:
 „Tut: let him ſhift, ſay thou thy mon'is gone,
 „Care not thou at all, though he make his mone:
 „But wiſh him well, as moſt men now doe uſe,
 „Finde any meanes that may thy purſe excuſe.
 „Let men be lauifh, and commend them too,
 „Say 'tis brauely done, but feed on them too:
 „Be ſure of this, and do't in any caſe,
 „Looke well about, that thou haſt time and place;
 „Leſt that ſome Machiauell chance to ſpie it,
 „Diſcloſeth all, to gaine ſomething by it.
 Commed the Lawier, and his ſtudious reading;
 Admire his iudgements, but extoll his pleading:
 But flatter ſo, that if he get a fee,
 Thou mai'ſt haue out a ſhare aſwell as hee.
 „Be plotting ſo, that ſtill thou mai'ſt bee getting;
 „Few Lawiers grieue at their Clients fretting.
 „To ſue in *Forma pauperis*, 'tis in vaine,
 „VWhen moſt Lawers poore ſutors doe diſdaine.
 „They muſt be humored, ſued, and ſought to ſtill,
 „And all things elſe, obedient to their will.
 „That this is true, thou daily mai'ſt behold;
 „How dearely they, eſteeme a fee of gold.
 Follow a Biſhop with a world of praiſe,
 And make him as a Load-ſtarre of the daies;
 Admire him and extoll him to the ſkies;
 But ſo that thou mai'ſt get a Benefice.

A good Vicarage, Cure, or ſome ſuch,
 As will returne thee profit ſmall or much.
 „ Look to't in time, ſtrike whiles the Iron's hot,
 „ Vſe no delay where wealth is to be got.
 „ You know that ſervice is no heritage:
 „ VVhat bootes a man to ſtand on parentage?
 „ But look to the maine chance, 't is that muſt hold,
 „ He's accounted well borne, that hath much gold,
 „ To ſerue in hope, is but a Beggers fee,
 „ And ſuch rewards moſt maſters vſe you ſee:
 „ Or after two or three yeeres ſervice turne thee off,
 „ And for thy ſervice done beſtow a ſcoffe:
 „ Or if perhaps, thou ſerue till thou grow olde,
 „ Happy if an Almes-houſe thine age can hold.
 „ This is the flinty courſe of this our age,
 „ This is the time brings humors in a rage.
 „ Then liſt in time, ſerue not except for gaine,
 „ Let maſters feele the toile of ſeruants paine.
 „ Serue not thoſe, whoſe ſenſes haue no feeling,
 „ Or thoſe that with leaden hands are giuing.
 „ Applauſe them not with courteous reuerence,
 „ When they are ſo farre from due beneuolence.
 „ Scorne his blew Coate, his Cogniſcence, and all,
 „ That ſhall reioice in a poore ſervants fall.
 Commenda Merchant, honour his aduenture,
 Who gets his welth by danger not endenture:
 Commend his trade, his traffike and his truth,
 The honour of his age, and toile of youth:
 „ Say how you haue heard him much commended,
 „ And with worthy Art himſelfe defended,
 „ Gainſt forraine foes, by Land and Seas,
 „ And ſmoothly ſlipt it off, himſelfe to pleaſe.
 But withall be ſure to flatter ſo,
 That to thy purſe, ſome peece of mony growe:

Or

Or on his boord thy trencher to be laid,
Or borrowed money neuer to be paid.
And tell (what lackeye) that he lackes no wit,
And for his head that he deſerues to fit
On higher ſeats then Church-wardens ſtooles,
For he hath more wit then a world of fooles;
But yet in feeding of his idle vaine,
Be ſure to picke out ſome od priuie gaine.
„It is a follie then to ſtand on niceneſſe,
„For that at ſuch times is counted baſeneſſe.
„Thou muſt boldly looke vp and ſeeme merrie,
„When profit comes in who can be wearie?
„Refuſe nothing that comes in any way,
„It is a bad thing ſerues not another day.
A Rapier, Dagger, Stockings, Bootes or Shooes,
Somwhat doth well thogh beggers muſt not chooſe.
„If one giue thee Veniſon, what need'ſt thou care
„How he came by it ſo it mend thy fare?
„Stand not to queſtion in any caſe;
„He may thinke thou mean'ſt to ſeek his diſgrace,
„By telling abroad to ſtrangers vnknowne,
„How he had Veniſon, though none of his owne.
„Alwayes looke to thy tongue, no more but mum,
„Euer be ſilent ſo any thing come;
„Yet know thy time when to ſpeake, when to ſpare,
„Keeping this courſe accounted very rare.
Tell miſtreſſe Minkes, ſhe that keepes the ſhop,
Shee is a Ship that beares a gallant top;
Shee is a Ladie for her lovely face,
And her countenance hath a Princes grace,
„And that her beautie hath inthral'd thee ſo:
„Except ſhe yeelds remorse ſhee workes thy woe;
„Then call thine eye vpon her beautious cheek,
„Proteſting that thou neuer ſaw'ſt the like:

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„ Her smooth forehead, and her comely dressing;
 „ Her louely Breasts cause loues increasing;
 „ Her luorie teeth, her lip and chin;
 „ Her snow white hand, the like was neuer seene;
 „ Her legge and foote, with her gate so comely;
 „ Her apparrell worne so neat and seemely.
 „ Thus o're worne with care thou mai'st seeme to be,
 „ Till thou hast made her proude her selfe to see.
 „ Then she nods the head with smiling fauour,
 „ That thou should'st bestow such loue vpon her:
 Then bite the lip, winke and hange the head,
 And giue a sigh as though thy heart were dead,
 And shew strange passions of affections sence,
 That she may pittie loue fir reuerence:
 „ Wishing her selfe worthy of thy fauour,
 „ Which is a meanes to gaine something by her.
 Thus let the issue of this cunning be,
 That from her purse some comfort come to thee:
 A piece of Sattin, Fustian, or some Stuffle,
 A Falling-band, or a three-double ruffe,
 A Hat, a Shirt, a Cloake-cloth, or a Ring,
 Kniues, Purfes, Gloues, or some such prettie thing;
 Somewhat hath some fauor, 'tis this gaine
 That still inuention giues his sweetest vaine.
 „ It cheeres a bodie weake, and comfort sends
 „ To any one that's ill or voyde of friends:
 „ It brings the infant vp, for want might pine,
 „ Else charitie small comfort would resign.
 „ To middle age it nourisheth the blood,
 „ And giues them all, and all that may be good;
 „ And aged men it luls them fast asleepe,
 „ Whose youth took care this pretious gem to keep.
 „ Be carefull then how thou keepe this by thee,
 „ Lest when thou wantest it quite forsake thee;

And

„ And leaue thee to wander, ſtill reiected :
„ My boy looke too't and ſeeke to preuent it.
VVhy tell a Cobler he is halfe a King,
VVhen on his patches he can ſit and ſing,
And knock his Laſt, and whet his cutting knife,
There is no Kingdome to a merrie life :
„ A light heart lightly beares the bell away,
„ When mightie men find cares, though clothed gay ;
But yet in telling of this idle tale,
Be ſure at leaſt to get a pot of Ale ,
„ Or ſomething elſe that hath a feeling ſenſe,
„ Take any thing as part of recompence,
„ And ſeeme very thankfull till better comes,
„ Sith many ſmall things adde to greater ſummes.
For this ſame Nothing brings no world about,
Better play ſmall game then be cleane ſhut out.
If that thy wiſe be faire, and thou but poore,
Let her ſtand like a picture at thy doore ;
VVhere though ſhe do but picke her fingers ends,
Faire eyes ſond lookes will gaine a world of friends :
„ Taske her not to worke if ſhe be prettie ;
„ Bid her forbear, her toyle makes thee pittie :
„ She may with eaſe haue meanes for greater gaines,
„ VVith rich rewards and pleaſure for her paines.
Play at bo-peepe, ſee me and ſee me nor,
It comes off well that is ſo cloſely gor,
And euermore ſay, aye well fare the vent
That payes the charges of the houſe and rent.
„ Come, come, 'tis no matter, be rul'd by this,
„ The fineſt Dames doe ſometimes do amiſſe :
„ Yet walke demure like puritans indeed,
„ And early riſe to a Sermon for a neede ;
„ And make great ſhew of deuouteſt prayer,
„ VVhen ſhe onely goes to meet her louer,

„Turning backe poore foole, desires the text,
 „She tels him any thing that cometh next:
 „And turning o're the leafe to reade the verse,
 „Scarfe for laughing one word can rehearse:
 „But prettily turnes it off with some iest;
 „He beares with all, he knowes it is his best.
 „If that thy wife be olde, thy Daughters young,
 „And faire of face, and of a fluent tongue:
 „If by her sutors siluer may be had;
 „Beare with small faults, the good will helpe the bad.
 „Be not too seuer, time may mend their faults;
 „He is a foole before a cripple haults:
 „Or he that findes a fault where gaine comes in,
 „'Tis pittie but his cheekes should e're looke thin:
 „What though thou knowst that vice do gain it all;
 „Will vertue helpe when thou beginst to fall?
 „This is no world for vertuous men to thrine,
 „'Tis worke enough to keepe thy selfe alie.
 „Let wife and daughters loue to make thee wealthy;
 „Thou knowst that gold will seek to make thee heal-
 If thy maid seruants be kind hearted wenches; (thy.
 And closely make kinde bargaines on the benches,
 „Let them haue libertie, loue, and pleasure:
 „All these are helps to bring in thy treasure.
 „Let them laugh and be merrie, it yeelds content,
 They'll humour all till all their coyne is spent.
 If by their pleasures may thy profit grow,
 Winke at a wanton, who hath not beene so?
 Make loue to twentie wenches in one day,
 But let no poore lasse leade thy heart away:
 „For that's in vaine, thy labour then is lost;
 „Such idle loue can neuer quit thy cost:
 „It brings a charge, and sends a heauie clog,
 „And makes thy life as seruile as a dog: —

From

„ From house to house thou shalt be haunted then,
„ And cleane exempt from the loue of men.
„ A plague that's worse ; shee's iealous euermore :
„ This the true courſe of a loue that's poore.
„ Or if by chance her husband wealth doth gaine,
„ She ſtraight growes proud, which is a beaſtly vaine.
„ Thus wealth and eaſe cannot with ſuch agree :
„ Then let them paſſe my ſonne, be rul'd by me :
But where thou find'ſt good ſtore of land or gold,
There lay cloſely to purchaſe a Free-hold.
„ Clap her aboard, and brauely hoist vp ſaile,
„ Shoot her in the poop, Ducke haue at thy taile:
„ The prize is thine owne, thou haſt got it faire,
„ Thou muſt be brieſe then in getting an heire :
And be not ſo squeamiſh at a nice conceit,
That may perſwade thee from a pleaſing bait.
„ Stand not like a Woodcocke ſneking in the cold,
„ But ſet it out with a grace, and be bold.
„ To make thy ſelfe ſimple with a ſhew of want,
„ Or that thy meanes at all grow very ſcant,
„ God-night *Nichole*, thy friends will be packing;
„ Or by vilde diſgrace thy credit cracking.
„ Theſe are the pleaſures of a poore eſtate,
„ Be rich then if thou can'ſt poſſible hate, (them,
„ Keep good clothes on thy backe, and nearly weare
„ What want ſo euer comes doe not pawne them :
„ For once being gotten in the Diuels iawes,
„ He will ſurely keepe them in with his pawes.
„ If thy apparrell be ſomething cleanly,
„ Though in thy purſe thou haſt ne're a pennie :
„ Men may in ſome meaſure yet eſteeme thee,
„ And a farther grace happely giue thee.
„ Doe not ſeeme baſe though penileſſe thou art,
„ But looke about of whom to get a part :

„ Then make much of that, and keepe it cloſely ;
 „ Seeke for treaſure and keepe it wiſely.
 Get all contentment that the world can giue,
 For after death who knoweth how we liue ?
 Strange things are ſpoken, and beleue the beſt,
 And leaue the worſt, I leaue thee to the reſt.
 „ Stumble not at a ſtraw nor leap o're a blocke :
 „ Leaue not things at randome, keep all vnder locke :
 „ Things may be miſſing, but when 'tis gone
 „ It is a common ſpeech, That they ſaw none :
 „ Be finding ſtill, but let thy loſſe be ſmall,
 „ Yet haue reſpect vnto thy ſelfe withall.
 „ Be not amongſt Thecues, but when thou find'ſt them ſha-
 (ring,
 „ Nor with a miſerable wretch that's ſparing.
 „ Come not neere a Brothell houſe for lecherie,
 „ Thoſe damned queanes are full of trecherie.
 „ Part not a fray except thou find'ſt great reaſon :
 „ Goe not ill ſhod in a winter ſeaſon :
 „ Be not too forwards to goe in the raine
 „ Except it be for profit or for gaine.
 „ When ſickeneſ comes, few friends are euer found ;
 „ Looke to thy ſelfe that thou be whole and ſound,
 „ And be not careleſſe which way thou dooſt walke,
 „ Nor care too much with idle braines to talke.
 Come not within the verdict of a Iurie,
 Nor yet neere a tyrant in his furie.
 „ Giue faire words to the watch they'l let thee paſſe ;
 „ Giue the Conſtable thanks, thinke him an Aſſe.
 „ Promise mony when thou paſſeſt through the gate,
 „ But on my bleſſing let him neuer h'are.
 „ Beare with a Tapſter though his Cans be frothie,
 „ But raile on a Broker whoſe clothes are mothie.
 „ Carmen and Porters are——approued,
 „ And moſt Watermen are very dogged.

Yet

„ Yet giue them faire words if thou canst gaine them,
„ Else bid *Deri*——say Lord haue mercie on them.
„ What though thy horse by the Ostler is nipt ?
„ It is a true Ostler that hath not so beene tript :
„ But to make him amends run in his score,
„ If thou payest him, Ile counsell thee no more.
„ Bayliffes and Sergants ; keepe without their reach,
„ And without the verge of a priuie search.
„ Auoyde warrants, they are dangerous things ;
„ Looke to thy profit that some comfort brings.
Plot for a Pudding or a peece of Souce ;
The slic Cat would not watch but for the Mouse.
The Foxe would neuer hunt but for his pray,
And workemen but for gaine would play all day.
It is this wealth, this profit, and this gaine
That makes the labourer sing away his paine.
„ It makes widows forget their husbands lately dead,
„ It is the cause they so soone againe do wed.
„ If thou woo'st a widow, in time begin,
„ Or else thy wooing is not worth a pin.
„ If thou be slow to speake, as one I knew,
„ Thou would'st assure thy selfe my counsels true ;
„ Hee (too late) finding her vpon her knees
„ In Church, where yet her husbands coorse she sees.
„ Hearing the Sermon at his funerall,
„ Longing to behold his buriall.
„ This sutor being toucht with inward loue,
„ Approched neare, his louely sute to moue,
„ Then stooping downe, he whispered in her eare
„ Saying, he bore her loue as might appeare
„ In that so soone he shewed his loue vnto her,
„ Before any else did appoch to woo her.
„ Alasse (said she) your labour is in vaine,
„ Last night a husband I did entertaine.

„ Yet your kind offer I take in good part,
 „ And had entertain'd you with all my heart,
 „ If you had come in any time vnto me,
 „ But he at my husbands death did woo me.
 „ Then ſpeake in time if profit comes thereby,
 „ Or elſe many dangers therein may lie.
 If thou be rich and ha't anothers pride,
 That he may goe on foot while thou doſt ride;
 Finde meats to feed his ſwelling humour ſo,
 That high conceit may aboue compaſſe goe;
 Till fortune frownes his follie ſo doth checke,
 That male-content may after breake his necke.
 Then lay in for his lands, his goods and place,
 But ſtill be ſure to keepe thy ſelfe in grace.
 „ There are many rubs twixt thee and the lacke,
 „ Therefore throw home thy caſt and be not ſlacke:
 „ Yet out-throw it not, leſt thou loſe the caſt,
 „ So ſtanders by will reioyce at thy haſte;
 „ And betting ſay, that thou ſhalt loſe the game,
 „ Which is to thy diſgrace and vtter ſhame.
 „ Looke to thy ſelfe thou be not wrong'd by any:
 „ Promote thy ſelfe though thou diſplace a many:
 But if thou be'ſt not vp but ſeek'ſt to riſe,
 Step by degrees, and in thy ſteps be wiſe:
 „ Doe not deſire to ſtride two ſtaires at once,
 „ Diuers men will ſuffer thee for the nonce,
 „ And will reioyce to ſee thee breake thy ſhin;
 „ Then thinke how men reioyce when that they win:
 „ Standers by diſcerne more then gamſters can:
 „ Diſdaine not the kindneſſe of any man:
 „ Thou may'ſt as eaſily ſpeak faire words as foule, not?
 „ Be not a foole when that thou makeſt the ſhot:
 „ Foule words corrupt good manners it is ſaid:
 „ Of backe-biting ſlaues euer be affraid:

Regard

„ Regard not their kindneſſe though it be great,
„ That ſhall hit thee in teeth with a meales meat :
„ Thinke him not true that ſuch baſeneſſe doth hold,
„ Whoſe ſecrets in corners loues to vnfold.
„ Auoyde them in time, their hate is much,
„ Yet they will ſeeme as though they were not ſuch ;
„ And no doubt giue faire words vnto thy face ,
„ Alas, alas, it is a heauie caſe.
„ Preuent them then, and care not for their hate,
„ It boots not to ſee the ſourme where ſhe ſate :
„ Had I wiſt comes too late, hold time before,
„ Runne not too deepe in thy Hoſtes ſcore ;
„ Depart in time when ſhe the ſhot is making,
„ And ſaine ſome buſineſſe at thy departing.
„ 'Tis good to offer to pay when that thou haſt it,
„ If once offered backe, looke that thou keepſt it,
„ And giue him thanks vtill the next meeting.
„ Thus by degrees ſtill thou muſt be getting.
Refuſe no ſeruice be it ne're ſo baſe,
By any meanes may bring thee into grace,
And make no conſcience to attend on ſin,
To keepe the doore where Diuels dance within.
„ Mongſt all kinde of people (for gaine) men thruſt,
„ Loue no Iron blades, they will but ruſt,
„ And turne the edge when thou ſhould'ſt vſe them ;
„ I prethee be wiſe, and learne to reſuſe them.
Finde a rich Sier, and note his diſpoſition,
How he is giuen to baſeneſſe or ambition,
And with thy bending lay his land aboard,
That he may be thy ſlaue, thou his Lord :
„ Yet beare in hand as though thou wiſh't him good ;
„ There's more wayes then one to go to the wood.
If that thy friend do lacke a little wit,
And in his humour frame an idle fit ;

To take a wife, and vse thee for his wooing,
 Speake for thy friend, but for thy selfe be doing :
 „ If thou find'st her worth the catching, take her ;
 „ If not, let thy friend be sure to haue her.
 For euey friend is to his friend a debter,
 To loue him as himselfe, but not no better.
 But for thy selfe; if thou hast got a wife,
 Make shew to loue her dearly as thy life ;
 Though for thy quiet thou could'st be content
 A little money were at her buriall spent,
 And let that charge be of thy grieve the ground ;
 For many wiues are better lost then found.
 „ Take heed (my Son) how & where thou do'st woo,
 „ For widowes are wanton, and maidens too.
 „ She that hath had many husbands cannot loue,
 „ She that nere had none, who knows how she'l proue ?
 „ Great chance but yong wenches are tried before,
 „ And middle age must needes pay the olde score :
 „ Olde women hold out whiles a stump doth last,
 „ Sweet meats to olde folkes haue a gracious taste :
 But if thou come vnto the second matching,
 Haue carefull heed for feare of conicatching ;
 VVho in their hole will vndermine so fast,
 They'le leaue their Lordship like the land of wast :
 „ For manie priuie banquets must be had,
 „ VVhich being known, wold make a man stark mad.
 „ They must haue pleasure, tut, let the world slide,
 „ Sit fast for falling when thou mean'st to ride,
 „ It is no iesting matter my friend, quoth he,
 „ To ride a gauld cut laded thou shalt be,
 „ VVho will wince and kicke, and lie in the dust:
 „ Follow not an old Iade that loueth lust,
 „ That is a plague that's worse then all the rest,
 „ Though she be rich, yet her filth detest,

„ Doe not delight, in an old grefie flut
 „ Whofe loue is to fill a greedie gut.
 „ She'll ne're be ſatisfied, vntill the earth;
 „ Receiues her corps, and ſtoppeth vp her breath,
 „ Suspect thy will be wearie of thy will
 „ Then learne to ſpare, but neuer learne to ſpill,
 „ Part with no coyne but vpon conditon,
 „ With humble countenance ſhadow ambition,
 „ Muffle thy ſelfe ſometimes to keepe vnkowne
 „ For by a knaue thou maiſt be ouerthrowne,
 „ Take heed of the Counters, tis a great greefe
 „ To lie in Prizon without releefe,
 „ Be not a Pandor, for then thou art ſham'd
 „ Take heed of a wild Coult thats neuer tam'd
 „ Yet of all theſe, if thou canſt gaine by them
 „ Haue care vnto, but be not ſcene in them
 „ Let ſimple wits carrie away the blame.
 „ The reproch, the rumours and all the ſhame,
 „ When thou with ſlie countenance maiſt be ſure
 „ Of ſome profit let them the paine indure,
 „ Let all be doone, with ſhew of humbleneſſe:
 „ So ſhalt thou receiue profit with thankfulneſſe.
 „ Creep, Crouch, and kneele, vntill thou be aloft
 „ But then, ſit faſt, for feare thou fall not ſoft.
 „ The ſtately *Streames* that kindly begins to flow
 „ Affords content, in ſpight of whom ſayes no,
 „ The pleaſant *Spring*, faier morn's of pleaſure ſends
 „ And to each Creature pleaſant giſts extends:
 „ The louely *Birdes*, on branches ſits ſtill ſinging;
 „ Reioicing at thoſe ſtately flowers then ſpringing,
 „ But ſee how time turnes backe, and croſſeth all
 „ Thoſe dates expir'd, begins a heauie fall, ſent)
 „ Thoſe flowing ſtreames, that gaue that kind con-
 „ To ebbe is turned, and all their ſtrength is ſpent.

D

Thoſe

„ Those mornes of May, where *Flora* shin'd so bright
 „ Are now forlorne, made darke by winters night,
 „ Those Birds whose chearful tunes did pleasure giue
 „ Are now inforst to seeke them holes to liue,
 „ Where mournfull tunes record their heauy state,
 „ That enuious time hath altered thus their fate.
 „ Behold in this, and all that's called pleasure,
 „ How it is crost by times euill measure.
 „ Who would seeme rich, although he hath store,
 „ But closely keep his treasure euer more,
 „ And to himselfe be euer such a friend,
 „ That to himselfe he may his money lend?
 „ Be circumspect still when thou art in grace;
 „ Let not vaine toyes thy honor then disgrace.
 Be rich I say, nay boy be rich and wise,
 Gold is an actious mettle for the eyes:
 Why rich men haue much money and gay geare;
 And goodly houses, and most daintie cheare;
 Faire wiues, fine pictures, playes and Morris-dances,
 And many cheats, that come by many chances;
 Fine Ciuet boxes, sweet perfumes and waters,
 And twentie other such kind of matters.
 While the poore man that pines for want of friends,
 May sit and sigh, and picke his fingers ends,
 And euery morning wash his face with teares,
 And wipe his blubbered cheeks with shewaled heares.
 „ It is a heauie sense where coyne is wanting;
 „ At such a time of care friends are scanting.
 „ When needie guests com to a feast to dine,
 „ They must content themselues, and drinke no wine;
 „ Small beere must suffice aye, and say 'tis well,
 „ Wine must be kept for *Diuels* going to hell:
 „ This slender care of pouertie is had,
 Which doth inforce them euer to be sad,

And

And walke abroad for ſorrowes recreation,
Or ſtarue himſelfe, or feed on contemplation :
„ Sorrowes companion, and all forlorne ;
„ And of euery creature held in ſcorne :
„ His head hangs downe, his armes lockt one in one ;
„ To none but hilles and ecchoes makes his mone.
„ Reſounding care, a heauy dolefull breath :
„ No better pillow then his mother earth,
„ Speaking to the ayre as to a friend
„ That ſhould his miſerie ſome comfort ſend,
Make courteſie to the ſhadow of any food,
And glad to get a looke or halfe a word ;
Bluſh and fall backe when gay folke come in place
And ſtart to looke a Ladie in the face,
Talke to the ayre, where no man liſt to heare him,
Or plod alone where no man will come neare him.
„ Deſpaire is all his food to nourish bloud,
„ A fearefull ſtare, hard to be vnderſtood
„ What grieuous hell is want afflicting ſtill,
„ A hungrie heart, a hungry ſoule to kill ?
„ What woe is want, where no man will relieue
„ A poore diſtreſſed ſoule that ſtill doth grieve ?
And thus recording of an heauie care,
He feeds perhaps vpon an hungry fare :
Till that ſome good Knight, or learned Gentleman
That will not be a *Machiawillian*,
But can make uſe of afflicted braines,
And gather profit from their toyling paines,
May hap to grace him with his countenance
Giue him a blew coat and a cognizance,
An olde caſt doublet, or a paire of boots, (roots ;
Feed him with browne bread, ſmall beere, hearbs and
And now and then perhaps a peece of meate,
That ſcarce a man would giue a Dogge to eate :

Or after happily some good seruice done,
 Make him tutor, to his yongest Sonne.
 Laugh at those *Beggars*, speake in scorne of pelfe:
 Care thou for nothing, but to enrich thy selfe.
 For truth reports, that doltes of thriftie intreat,
 If thou be rich, thou quickly mai'st be great
 „ Why? then thou shalt bee sought vnto and prais'd,
 „ And manie wayes to dignities be rais'd
 „ Thy name shall be extold by *Poets* Pen;
 „ And brauely attended on by Seruing men.
 „ Bookes shall be dedicated to thy worth:
 „ To aduancethy glorie, thy fame set forth.
 „ Thou shalt be wise, and plac't in iustice to,
 „ Though thou want will, all this thy wealth can doe.
 „ Thinke no man wise, but he that gathers wealth,
 „ And keep the diet that preserues the health.
 „ Doe not with gluttons feed, though they woe thee,
 „ Nor with Drunkards vse, though they pay for thee,
 „ If thou be with a glutton at a feast,
 „ He'll wish thee choked, if thou feed on the best,
 „ And eye thee too, and thinke thou do'st him wrong.
 „ To eate one bit, that to his chops belong,
 „ Let gluttons grease their dogs alone for thee
 „ They are not for thy profit, take that of me,
 „ Drunkards are vilde, but not so ill as those
 „ Hee like a braue bully cheares vp his nose
 „ With a rich colour, set with pearles and stone,
 „ Whiles *Gluttons* hungry chaps make clean the bones.
 „ He'll call his neighbour in, and make him drinke
 „ A glutton like a beast, doth beastly stinke,
 „ Of any ill, the least is to be chused:
 „ Yet best of all, when all is quite refused
 „ With good aduice, manage so thy doings:
 „ That thou be not troubled much with loosings.

Trauell

Trauell with ease, take heed of taking cold,
 And next to God take comfort in thy gold.
 Commit no secrets to thy second selfe,
 For neuer it was *Ape* but plaide the *Elfe* :
 „ To womens trust, t'is paine to trust vpon,
 „ Greatest secrets, from them are soonest gone :
 „ Their closets cannot hold a thing forbidden;
 „ Yet desires to know a thing that's hidden :
 „ Their nature's verie weake, their frailties much;
 „ Thei'l loue him very well that is exceeding rich.
 Set snares for Wodcocks, pitfales for small birds,
 And catch a foole with nothing but faire words.
 Kill not a fly and let a flea alone,
 That sucks the blood, and neuer hurts the bone.
 File not thy fingers with a filthie slut,
 And ride not often on a gald backt Cur.
 „ Keepe not a Curre, that no good profit yeeldes :
 „ A lurching *Dog* will range about the fields.
 Feare not a shaddow, but auoid a danger :
 And keepe not a iade at racke and manger,
 „ Which will quite eat thee out of house & home;
 „ Thy selfe remaine a dunce, a very mome,
 „ With ridiculous termes thou shalt be scoft,
 „ Thy lodging cold, in the streetes very oft.
 Perswade no Prince, from his choice of pleasure,
 Nor a rich man from his loue of treasure.
 „ For if thou with *Monarkes* meddle to farre;
 „ It must perforce procure a mightie iarre,
 „ Or if thou prie but neere a rich mans chest;
 To him rhou shalt be an vnwelcome guest:
 But if he be rich, whatso'ere he be,
 Seeme in thine honnor, to be iust as he.
 If he be poore, then let him beg alone,
 It is a trade that few grow rich vpon.

„ The beſt Beggers are accounted idle,
 „ Riding a ſtumbler hold faſt the bridle.
 „ A Souldiers wants theſe daies hath ſeldome ayde;
 „ To follow warres it makes men much diſmaide:
 „ Though venturing life & goods, with loſſe of lims:
 „ What rich Domelticall a man eſteemes,
 „ At his returne, his worth though nere ſo great;
 „ Scarce giue a looke, or ſcarce a bit of meat,
 „ If ſuch worthie men ſhall want deſeruing this,
 „ Looke not thou for comfort in diſtreſſe?
 „ Keepe thou at home, as home-bred ſlaues do uſe,
 „ Whoſe cankered hearts bright honour doth abuſe,
 „ And leeding fat; like lubbers take their eaſe.
 „ Let thoſe that liſt attempt to croſſe the Seas:
 „ When *Dines* loue is onely in his wealth;
 „ When toying *Lazers* counted naught but filth:
 „ Grieuous vnto all, horror 'tis to ſee;
 „ Delight in gold as theſe elſe ſhalt thou be.
 Learne to know Kingdoms, Nations, & their natures,
 Their laws, their iudgments, male & female creatures
 And how their wealth doth grow by warre or peace,
 And how their quarrels grew, and how they ceaſe,
 How they may be offended or defended,
 And how their ſtates begun, and which way ended:
 But in all notes, note this of all
 How thou may'ſt riſe, who euer hap to fall.
 „ Let thy Religion be of what ſort it will,
 „ Be thou of that ſect, ſeeke to humour ſtill,
 „ Do not with a ſhamefac'd baſhfulneſſe do it,
 „ But with a manly courage run through it;
 „ As if to ſuch ſects thou had'ſt beene euer bred,
 „ By which meanes thou may'ſt be the better fed.
 If thou haſt a partner in thy ſtocke,
 And both your wealths do reſt vnder one locke,

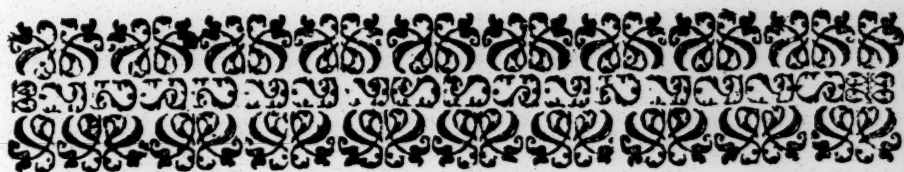
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And if thy partner ride abroad for pleasure,
And put thy faith in trust with all his treasure;
At his returne doe vpon quarrels stand:
When thou hast got his wealth into thy hand,
Say in accounts he hath deceined thee,
Although thou know'st no such matter bee.
„ Seeme exceeding earnest and speake aloud;
„ No maruell though of late you were so proud;
„ Must needs my purse be thus at your command?
„ 'Tis true, you haue made a faire hand.
„ Thus raile at him that he may shame to heare thee,
„ Act it well, he may begin to feare thee.
When if he will not take what thou wilt giue him;
To course of law, for his best comfort driue him,
Where while he railes on thy ill conscience,
Thy patience closely will put vp his pence.
„ Raile thou still on his ill husbandrie,
„ So men may thinke he spent lasciuiously:
„ Commending thee that thou lookst to't in time,
„ Rayning on him abroad a grieuous crime.
But whatsoeuer honest mindes surmise,
Wealth with the wealthy makes the wealthy wise.
Be rich therefore, I say, be rich my Sonne,
For wealth will sway the world when all is done.
„ If these counsels will not make thee rich,
„ Nor procure thy further profit small or much,
„ By preventing mischiefes that may befall thee
„ VVhat counsell then shall I further giue thee?
„ The courses of the world I shew thee plaine
„ As in a Mappe, all dangers to refraine:
„ VVhich had they beene in time foretold to me
„ I might auoyde that which now I see,
„ Headstrong youth in promotion cannot sit
„ Their fickle age hath manie an idle fit.

Following :

„Following thoſe humours that pleaſe them beſt,
„Which is a hinderance to their quiet reſt:
„But things foretold, may eaſily be paſt.
„It is not good to thruſt things vp in haſte,
„Be happy then in learning of this good:
„Want is the meanes that partes kind brother-hood.
„Thou ſeeſt enough, if reaſon may ſuffiſe,
„All is laid open heere before thine eyes,
„As in a glaſſe thou rightly mai'ſt behold,
„How thy ſtate ſtands, if thou wanteſt gold:
„Then on my bleſſing learne theſe rules of mine;
„Another day ſurely it will be thine.

FINIS.



THE ANSWER TO

MACHIAVELS vncaſing.

B Vt now my ſonne, that thou haſt learnd this lore,
Vppon my bleſſing looke on it no more,
Except it be by ill to know the good:
But yet take heed it be miſunderſtood.
Be that thou ſeem'ſt to be in word and deed,
Leaſt *Pater noſter* put thee from thy Creed.
Faيرة ſpeech is good, but keepe not a fowle mind,
For hollow hearts are of a helliſh kind.
“ Backbiters and diſſembling tongues are vilde,
“ From heauens happineſſe by heauen exile,
“ Againſt ſuch horrid deeds is woe pronounc'd,
“ A wofull ſtate from bleſſedneſſe renounc'd.
A good beginning makes a bleſſed end,
And hold him for a dog that hath no friend,
“ His caſe is ill when no man will reſpect him,
“ But worſt of all, when vertue doth neglect him.
Receiue no bribes to fill a ruſtie cheſt,
A quiet conſcience is a kingly feaſt.
“ Content doth ſhine where vertuous men doe dwell.
“ A vicious life deſerueth nought but hell.
“ Labour not by vnlawfull meanes to gaine,
“ When meanes vnlawfull breeds a wofull paine.
And 'tis a heauie ſence in ſorrowes roule,
To ſaue the bodie, and to kill the ſoule.

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Affect

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

Affect the wiſe, and with the learned talke,
And with the learned often make a walke.
“ And ſuch as thy companions ſhall be,
“ Euen ſuch rewards ſhall be beſtowed on thee.
“ Where grauity remaines, there ſtill reſort,
“ Where modeſty doth dwell, with ſuch conſort :
“ So ſhalt thou be, beloued ſtill of all,
No ſcandals then ſhall ſeek to worke thy thrall,
Remember nothing that thou doſt not write,
For danger doth but fearefull hearts affright :
“ And with charity loue thy neighbour ſo,
“ That by no meanes thou ſeekeſt his ouerthrow :
“ Haue carefull care, to euery man giue right,
“ Regard kinde words, in kindneſſe haue delight ;
In honors cauſe maintaine thy reputation,
And hold loue good for reaſons recreation.
Sooth no ill cares with idle flattery,
Honor the *Bride*, but doe the *Groome* no rye.
Performe thy word, but promiſe not too much,
With rich and poore, be carefull to keep touch.
With great and ſmall be ſure to keepe meaſure,
And ſcorne no triſle that may doe thee pleaſure :
“ For he that ſcorneth much, deſerueth hate,
“ An infamaie that nee’r expireth date ;
“ Such long laſting euils (*my ſonne*) refraine,
What loſſe ſo ere it be vnto thy gaine.
Frequent the Church with faith and true deuotion,
And doe not ſtep too faſt into promotion ;
For farre more greefe is in a headlong fall,
Then if thy care, had neuer climde at all.
“ Be content with ſuch meanes that god doth ſend,
“ A patient heart doth gaine a happy end.

“VVhy

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“Why ſhouldſt thou toile thy ſelfe for pelth,
“When death ends all approching ſtill by ſtealth,
“And crops the bloſſomes of our whole delight,
“By winter ſtormes, by time and darkeſome night?
“What booteth then to burthen thus thine age,
“With heauy clogs, for which thy ſoule’s at gage,
“Where in woe and thraldome ſtill remaining,
“Except by Chriſt thou purchaſe thy redeeming.
Be wiſely kind to euery quality,
And euer keepe good hoſpitallity.
“A miſerable houſe is vilde men ſay,
“Ill gotten goods, are quickly ſpent away:
“Thoſe that ſo nerely ſcrapt their welth together,
“Another throwes it about, and cares not whether.
At thy owne charge, keepe thy *Horſes* ſtable,
And ſeeke no banquet at a beggers table:
For a true minde had rather ſtarue then eate,
Where Churles and ſeruants grudge a ſtranger meat.
“Come not to a hungry houſe for diet,
“Where ſpies and teltales bring all out of quiet;
“Rather for thy quiets ſake, liue with bread,
“Then mongſt talemongers ſeeke to be fed.
“What is thine owne to eate, none can grudge,
“A backbiter muſt needes be a drudge,
“Whoſe owne reports diſgraceth him at laſt,
“Caule he himſelfe hath made the greateſt waſt.
“Be free from this; great danger lies therein,
“To men offence, to God a greeuous ſinne.
Jeſt not with cowards, for they will but crie,
And as for *Bawdes* pittie their beggerie:
“Lament the wofull ſtate wherein they ſtand,
“And rightly note, the poiſon in their hand;

The answer eto Machiauels vncaſing.

“ Which ſoone breaks forth, and makes the body foule,

“ But tenne times worſe, it putrifies the ſoule.

Arithmeticke is in euery trade,

But true accounts are to be made :

For when the laſt count reckning is caſt vp,

Then ſhall the crafty take their poysned cup,

“ And taſt the iuyce of that they haue deſerued,

“ For which deedes, by doome it is reſerued :

“ Where no woe or horror ſhall be wanting,

“ Though gold to them on earth was not ſcanting.

“ Deſire no gaine, where vice doth leade the ring,

“ It is a profit that thy paine doth bring.

For *Lions*, *Beares*, *Wolues*, *Apes*, and *Aſſes*,

Learn them to figure honors looking glaſſes,

And haue a care to carry ſo thy ſelfe,

No ſtorme may driue thy ſhip vpon a ſhellſe.

“ Many dangers lies hid to thee vnknowne,

“ No corne comes vp ſometimes where ſeed is ſowne.

“ Enuious men ſowes tares the Scripture ſaies,

“ Auoid them then, and quite forſake their waies :

“ Let not earths pleaſures leade thy heart away,

“ Which is tranſitory, will ſoone decay,

“ And ſtill doth paſſe on earth, from hand to hand,

“ Neuer conſtant, nor neuer firme doth ſtand.

Swallowes doe feed on flies, but light they fly,

Whiles *Epicures* in too much feeding dyc,

“ Wallowing in the ſinke of finnes filthines,

“ Loathſome to behold, o'regrowne with beaſtlines :

“ Spuing out the rankor of ſelfe delight,

“ Which hath bred a cankor of endleſſe ſpight.

By others harmes ſecke not thy priuate good,

A bloody feaſt, is an vnkindly foode.

And

The answere to Machiauels vncaſing.

And to diſſemble loue, is ſuch an euill,
As neareſt ſhewes the nature of the *Diuell*.
“ To feede on blood a *murtherers* delight,
“ If thou diſſemble, thou yeelds no man right.
“ To gaine by others fall a curſe growes on,
“ A heauy caſe when infants make their mone.
“ The widowes note is heard, reuenge ſhec cries,
“ For thoſe ill gotten goods, which made thee riſe.
To helpe thy friend, doe not forbear thy hand,
And for thy credit, tell both goods and land :
“ For he that helpes his friend, in time of neede,
“ It is in heauen inrolld a friendly deed.
“ When that with truth of heart, tis friendly done,
“ No deed on earth is like to that, my *Sonne*,
“ Be conſtant ſtill in friendſhippe euermore,
“ And of a true friend make thy chiefeſt ſtore.
“ What end wert thou inricht, with goods and lands,
“ But to the end thou ſhouldeſt be free from bands :
“ Reſpect it not aboue the heauens pleaſure,
“ Which is the chiefeſt chiefe of all thy treaſure.
Denie no friend when he doth friendly craue it,
For honeſt mindes will pay when that they haue it.
“ A ſmall matter ſometimes doth helpe ſo much,
“ That by ſuch meanes a poore man may proue rich,
“ Which elſe might bring a man vnto deſpaire,
“ When for his helpe, he findeth nought but ayre,
“ At wants inſtant, be helpfull euermore,
“ And God will giue a bleſſing to thy ſtore.
“ Be doing this, but doe not boaſt a whit,
“ For that dimmes all, and ſhewes thy lacke of witt :
“ Or how canſt thou haue grace, for this thy good,
“ If thou backbiteſt in any angry moode?

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“ Reporting this thy kindneſſe done to any,
“ It is not worth a pin though nere ſo many,
“ And thoſe that heare it will thinke thou maiſt lie,
“ When that thou whiſperest things ſo priuily.
Let care of conſcience guide thee euery way,
To giue thee comfort on the holliday.
“ Pry not at all in trades to offer wrong,
“ Such baſeneſſe vnto rascalls doth belong:
“ Thoſe men deſeruing it, are fit for gaine,
“ And fit’t of all to reape the pleaſure of their paine;
“ The dead in peace doth reſt, yet liue they may;
“ In endleſſe comfort, and in endleſſe ioy.
“ Kinde charity amongſt men, and loue to all,
“ May make vs ready for this heauenly call:
“ That liuing here, wee die to liue againe;
“ In heauenly bliſſe, euerlaſting to remaine.
And if thou be a *Courtier* know thy grace,
And ſeeke in heauen to haue a dwelling place.
And if on earth, ſuch ſervice profit brings;
What ſhall he haue that ſerues the King of Kings?
“ Let vertues care, ſo guide thy conſcience ſtill,
“ Thou neerely looke to all, but none to ill;
“ What though the prouerbe old, be proued true;
“ Or that ſome croſſes on this earth enſue;
“ Or that the deſtinies doe frowne on thee,
“ Or that no rich reward will come neere thee?
“ Yet if thou be free from vices folly,
“ Thou art in heauen as pure a Saint as any.
“ Which is a Court, where thou ſhalt haue a place,
“ Where none ſhall ſeeke thine honor to deface.
And if thou beſt a ſcholler and canſt preach,
With ſimple truth thy ſimple audience teach:

“ With

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“ With feruencie of heart ſecke to wooe them :
“ To Gods true knowledge, ſeeke ſtill to bring them.
“ Be not careleſſe of a thing ſo weighty ;
“ Giuen thee by the God Almighty.
But feed thy flocke, thou haſt in hand to keepe,
Leaſt that thou proue a wolfe vnto thy ſheepe.
Feeding on them, that ſhould haue food from thee ;
“ In bad eſtate their caſe is like to be.
“ Attempt not thou at all a labor ſo diuine,
“ Except thou canſt this earthly ſtate reſigne ;
“ And liue to loue thy God, thy flocke, thy ſheepe ;
“ So will thy care be good thy flocke to keepe.
But whatſoeuer here be thine eſtate,
There is none poore, but he that God doth hate,
“ Hee’s poore indeede, his caſe of all is worſt ;
“ No ill ſo vile, of all ils moſt accuſt.
If that thou be a *Souldier* ſucke no blood,
To knightly mindes, vnknightly food ;
“ With conſcience let poore *Souldiers* haue their pay,
“ Then they will follow thee with loue and ioy :
“ But if too nerely thou doſt pinch or poule,
“ It may be burdensome vnto thy ſoule,
“ And want of pay is the death of many,
“ Yeeld them due, and nere accuſ’d for any.
Of honors title, who doth truly hold,
Shall finde it in mercie, not in gold.
If that thou be a *Lawyer* iudge the right,
And let no briberie blinde a bleſſed ſight,
For thou ſhalt finde it written in mercies roule,
Better a thredbare gowne, then a thredbare ſoule.
“ Tis pirtie that right ſhould be ouercome,
“ Or pouerty to pleade to want a roome :

The answere to Machiavels uncaſing.

- “ Alas how heauie is their caſe in this,
“ For want of fees a rightfull caſe to miſſe?
“ Yet haue (thou) ſome conſcience, be rul’d by mee,
“ Pitie poore ſutors in neceſſitie.
“ Let not mightie men oppreſſe their right,
“ Nor ouerthrow their ſtates by power and might.
“ In doing this thou ſhalt haue double fee,
“ A heauenly Paradice thy reward ſhall bee.
“ Beſides on earth thy fame ſhall ſpread abroad,
“ What curteſie to poore thou didſt aſſoord,
“ This cannot chuſe but bring thee into grace,
“ And by deſert obtaine a higher place.
“ The law is iuſt, on reaſon wiſely grounded,
“ Wanting it our ſtate is ſoone confounded.
And if thou be a *Marchant*, know thy cares,
And doe not wound thy conſcience with thy wares,
Leaſt in repentance all too late thou finde,
The gaine is loſt that feedes a greedie minde.
“ What boots thy toyle and traffique on the Seas,
“ Thy hazard of life, diſturbing of thine eaſe,
“ Thy boyſterous blaſts, and ſtormes ſo cold,
“ Which thou endur’ſt, thy ſelfe by time made old,
“ Thy riches, when happie returnes are made,
“ Thoſe pretious pearles, whoſe colours neuer vade,
“ When that thy conſcience ſhall be working ſo
“ How thou mayſt worke thy brothers woe,
“ By thy ill wares, truſted at ſuch a rate,
“ By which meanes his paiment oft proues late?
“ Then to ſuit of law thy conſcience cries,
“ Hee’s in a heauie caſe in ſuch danger lyes.
“ But farre more worſe is thine in time to come,
“ When that thou doeſt caſt vp the totall ſumme.

When

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“When all decciptfull gaines to loſſe ſhall turne,
“Where vicious pleaſures ſhall haue time to mourne,
“A meature in gaine with quiet truly got,
“Is a perfect treaſure that faileth not.
“For truth: light gaines doth make a heauy purſe,
“Vnconſcionable gaines a heauy curſe.
“Then take thy choiſe, but wiſely chuſe the beſt:
“Corrupted hearts euermore deteſt,
“Their wares are braid, yet fairely ſhewes to th’eye;
“But he that’s rotten at the heart muſt die.
In brieſe of what eſtate ſo ere thou bee,
Let truth and conſcience euer gouerne thee.
Let Clounes clap on their clouted ſhoos,
Seeke thou no earthly gaines the heauen to looſe.
Let garments fit thy body, not thy minde,
And to thy friend, as to thy ſelfe proue kinde.
“Looke ſo wiſely to euery action,
“That it may be thy ſoules ſatiſfaction.
“And doe not ſeeke to riſe by others falſ,
“Be well prepared when the *Angell* calls;
“Doe not thou ſtand on rich mens fauors here,
“But loue thy Chriſt, his loue is paſſing deare;
“And make the winde ſerue to a good intent,
“And know to what end thy riches are ſent.
“Hoyle vp ſaile to heauens happineſſe,
“Where thou ſhalt arriue with great bleſſedneſſe;
“There thou maiſt be welcome though wanting gold:
“And not by earthly wants thy ioyes controld:
“No pouerty ſhall part thee from that ſociety,
“But bring thee to thy ioyes eternity:
“Though wealth doth die the colour here in graine,
“In heauen tis held moſt baſe in great diſdaine.

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“Philiſtians and Lawyers are men of fame,
“And experience doth auer the ſame;
“Whoſe labors doth deſerue their proper gaine,
“No patient can be cured without ſome paine,
“If thou doſt learne diſeaſes and their cures;
“Be carefull what thy patient endures:
“Haue due reſpect vnto thy cures, and be free,
“From corrupted thoughts, then happie ſhalt thou be.
“Delay no cures, but doe thy beſt for eaſe,
“Which both thy patient, and thy God doth pleaſe:
“Pittie the heauie cares of thoſe in paine,
“And be not too greedie to ſecke thy gaine:
“Let meature guide thy hand in all thy deeds,
“Thinke on the greeued heart with paine that bleeds.
“Thinke vpon his caſe, ſay that it were thine,
“How hard it were, for want of helpe to pine.
“Learne no vnlawfull games thy ſtate to raiſe,
“That by deceit may profit thee any waies,
“What though thou ſhift it from the gameſters eye?
“It is beheld by him that ſits on high:
“He doth behold your dealings euery way,
“How ſecurelie ſo ere you thinke you play.
“Goods gotten by deceit, is quickelie gone,
“By getting ſo, better nere get none:
“But rather well to keepe thine owne firſt learne,
“The better how to gaine thou maſt diſcerne.
“What though this vicious gaine, ſo vaine lie got,
“With plentie ſeemes to replenish the pott?
“It is but a feaſt, or ſport thats paſſing away,
“And the leaſt croſſe of all brings it to decay.
All Cards and Dice, and all ſuch idle play;
From thy delight, diſcard and caſt away:

For

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

For deale or rub, whoſe hap ſo ere it be to haue,
The knaue of Clubs will euer be a knaue.
Flatter no miſtris Fubs, or Ione anods,
Nor honor golden calues nor wooden gods:
Nor puffe a peſant vp with rascall pride,
A rascall will but like a begger ride.
Be carefull of the words that thou doſt talke,
“ And be not deſirous with a knaue to walke:
“ Be carefull how thou doſt thy ſecrets diſcloſe,
“ Backebiters are full of wrong thou maiſt ſuppoſe:
“ Doe not with the letcher ſeeme to reioyce,
“ It is but a loathſome and a hatefull vice:
“ But rather perſwade them from their follie,
“ And from the loue of a deed ſo vnholie.
“ Doe not with ſpendthrifts ſmile at pouerty,
“ Leaſt thou thy ſelfe come to neceſſity.
“ Doe not with *Epicures* reioyce and ſay,
“ With meaner fare thou couldſt not well away,
“ Nor doe not triumph ouer ſimple wits,
“ And lament the ſtate of thoſe frenzie fits.
“ Doe not by any meanes learne to deceiue,
“ That will but vertue from thy conſcience driue,
“ And diſanull thee of thy quiet reſt,
“ Exceeding ioyes, of all things elſe is beſt.
“ Aime at no profit with a poiſned breath,
“ Leſt it be paid thee in the ſecond death.
“ Though conſcience here be poore and meanely clad,
“ No meanes but from the *Baggers* to be had;
“ Yet time ſhall come, it ſhall be well reſpected,
“ When prodigality ſhall be neglected.
“ There ſhall ſhee finde a houſe adorned with ſtate,
“ When *Dines* repents but all too late.

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“ There ſhall ſhee finde fine and dainty cheare,
“ When gluttons in horror ſhall appeare,
“ Her raiment then ſhall be euerlaſting,
“ When her foes their bitter cup are taſting;
“ Then let conſcience gouerne thy ſtate aright,
“ That thou maiſt behold this euerlaſting ſight.
An honeſt minde in euery trade doth well,
The winde blowes ill that blowes the ſoule to hell.
“ Doe not before the *Diuell* a Candle hold,
“ Seeke no corrupt meanes for ſiluer or gold.
If that thy wife be faire, be thou not foule,
To let her play the *Ape*, and thou the *Owle*.
“ Winke at no faults, it is but miſery,
“ By beſtiall meanes to reliefe neceſſity;
“ If thou be a *Husband* gouerne ſo thy wife,
“ That her peeuish meanes worke not thy ſtrive;
“ Giue her not too much lawe, to run before,
“ Too much boldneſſe doth bring thy ouerthrow:
“ Yet abridge her not too much by anie meane,
“ But let her ſtill be thy companion.
And to thy daughter proue a better ſire,
Then like a hacknie let her out to hire.
“ What a greuous caſe were this for thee,
“ To extoll thy ſelfe to proſperity.
“ By ſuch inſatiate meanes, a heavy ſenſe,
“ Deſeruing nought but hell for recompence.
“ Like a kinde father loue thy children deare,
“ Yet to outward view let not loue appeare,
“ Leſt too boldly they preſuming on thy loue,
“ By audacious meanes doe audacious proue,
“ Seeme not a companion in any caſe,
“ To thy children, learne them know who’s in place;
That

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

- “ That due obedience to thee be done,
“ The end muſt needes be good, that’s well begonne.
“ Thus may thy children be at thy commaund,
“ With willing heart, ſtill helpefull at thy hand.
“ Familiarity contempt doth breed,
“ By no meanes doe thou ſtoope vnto thy ſeede :
“ Whilſt the twig is yong, bend it as thou liſt,
“ Once being growne, thei’ll ſtubbornely reſiſt;
“ Caring not for parents nor their talking,
“ Commending their owne wits, age is doting.
“ Looke well to youth, and how their time is ſpent,
“ Leat thou by leaſure afterwards repent :
“ What thogh thy child grow rich, thy ſelf grow poore.
“ Wilt thou afford him reuerence therefore ?
“ Imperfection to thine age that doth ſhow :
“ Let children expreſſe what dutie they owe,
“ And not be blinded with a ſelfe conceipt;
“ To wiſe men hate, to fooles a pleaſing bait.
“ Let thy care be great, for Childrens good,
“ It is a charge that ſ hardlie vnderſtood :
“ Vſe no corrections in an angry vaine,
“ Which will but vex thee much, increaſe thy paine :
“ And raſhnes euermore repentance cries,
“ Giue due correction, therein be wiſe :
“ The greefe is thine, when children goe aſtray ;
“ Giue them not too much libertie to play,
“ Leat that they doe to a cuſtome bring it ;
“ And euer after forbear to leaue it.
“ Vrge not with violence thy childrens woe,
“ As cruell parents many times doe ſo ;
“ Which to deſpaire may careleſly driue them,
“ When that their care doth careleſly leaue them,

The answere to Machtauels vncaſing.

“ To run at randome ſhifting as they may,
“ Alas, it is a heauie caſe I ſay.
“ Let not children vrge their parents vnto ire,
“ But with dutie doe what they ſhall require.
“ With obedient hearts obedience ſhow,
“ Such true obedience to them you owe.
“ Thinke it not a trifle to forbear it,
“ When Gods commandement doth require it.
“ A bleſſing great, beſides he hath reſerued,
“ Whoſe dutie hath this due deſerued.
“ Honour thy parents, long may be thy daies,
“ Happie in all, and bleſſed are thy waies.
“ Be not ſtubborne at all, it breeds dildaine,
“ That which they forbid thee, that refraine.
“ This is the courſe, that thou their loue maiſt haue,
“ Wiſe parents, childrens hurt will neuer craue.
“ But with fatherly care admoniſh them ſo,
“ That ſelfe conceipt, worke not thy ouerthrow:
“ Which now adaies doth raigne too much in all;
“ No maruell then ſo many youth doe fall,
“ When parents counſell is thus reiected,
“ And their houely care ſo much neglected.
“ *Salomon* ſaies, ſmile not on thy daughter,
“ Leaſt thou repent it euer after.
“ Then to ſonnes and daughters let care be ſuch,
“ That thou and they in vertue may be rich.
“ Seeme not to laugh at any vnſeemely ieſt,
“ A meane in all, in all is euer beſt.
And for thy ſeruants, let no *Belly* ſwell,
A bawdy houſe is but an earthly hell.
“ Keepe not an eye ſervant within thy doore,
“ Which will but ſeek to vexe thee euermore.

“ And

The answere to Machiauels vncaſing.

- “ And ſcoffinglie anſwere with taunting words,
“ A beaſtlicke trick is all a iade affoord.
“ If that thou findeſt a tell tale in thine houſe,
“ Be watching ſtill as a cat for a mouſe.
“ Such ſeruants can neuer be true nor iuſt,
“ Who backebites in ſecret, ſuch neuer truſt.
“ Much diſcord by ſuch is bred oft times,
“ When moſt themſelues deſcrueth greateſt crimes.
“ Be not familiar with ſeruants in anie caſe,
“ But let them with dutie reſpect their place.
“ Giue but an inch, they’l quickelie take an ell,
“ A wiſe tale to a foole, ’tis vaine to tell.
In Lawe and Phiſicke haue a conſcience,
In making gaine of thy experience.
Leaſt that thy Clients crie and Patients death,
Doe make thee crie out in the hell beneath.
“ Where greeuous horrors ſhall ſtill affright thee.
“ Let vertues loue euer more delight thee;
“ Which is a gaine ſufficient for thy ſtore,
“ A perfect ioy delightfull euer more.
By wicked plots doe not proude for pelfe,
Let thy ſoules care be neareſt to thy ſelfe.
“ So ſhall all thy waies proſper and be free,
“ From thraldome want and great neceſſitie.
“ No woe ſhall once approach where vertue ſhines,
“ What needeſt thou care, though vicious men repines.
“ Their blaſts as bubbles, ſoone doth paſſe away,
“ Themſelues in little time comes to decay.
“ If thou be rich abandon wicked pride,
And doe not on the horſe of Enuie ride
“ Leaſt he carrie thee with an eaſie way
“ Vnto thy ouerthrow and great decay.

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

Seeke not the well deſeruing to diſgrace,
Nor put the vertuous ſpirit out of place.
And ſooth no humors in an euill minde,
For poiſned breath is of a poiſned kinde :
And though to hurt a few to hurt a many
Be good, it better not the hurt of any.
“What boots ſmall gaines when greater loſſe doth fall?
“By ſuch meaſure, ſeeke not to get at all.
“Be patient and wiſe in extremitie,
“Thou maiſt the ſooner come to proſperitie.
“As gentle dewes, kindly cauſe flowers to ſpring,
“Patience gaines content, though miſery be long.
“Let truth in euery thing be thy companion,
“And vice ore thee ſhall neuer get dominion :
“Thou haſt a bulwarke that defends thee,
“And a truſty friend that treaſure lends thee :
If that thy friend doe truſt thee with his loue,
Vnto his truſt doe not a traitor proue;
Leaſt he that ſeeth thy ill gotten treaſure,
Doe pay thee home with an euill meaten meaſure :
“I though thy gaines be ſmall and traucell great,
“Thou art certaine to come to iudgement ſeat.
“To receaue a guerdon due to thy deeds,
“A bleſſed food, that bleſſed creatures feedes :
“Neuer wanting but ſtill poſſeſt with ſtore,
“Which makes thee rich, though ſeeming nere ſo pore.
Be faithfull to thy wife, firme to thy friend,
And conſtant in religion to the end.
“Doe not humor euery ſect for priuat gaine,
“It is a greeuous ſinne a greeuous paine ;
“Againſt the holy ghoſt a ſinfull deed,
“Then uſe it not, what euer bee thy neede :

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The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

" Religion is ſacred pure diuine,
" It is a heauenly map, a heauenly ſigne.
" It is that burning lampe that ſhines ſo bright,
" Being with truth receiued a true delight.
" Seeke not thou to deprauē religious truth,
" Leſt thou increaſe thy paine and endleſſe ruth.
" For chiefeſt learning thereon is grounded,
" And all errors from thence quite confounded.
Be rich and wiſe, in this good wit my boy,
That death nor hell, nor Diuell can deſtroy.
" Let thy chiefeſt pleaſure be to ſeeke that gaine,
" That afterwards may neuer turne to paine.
" Who ſo, but for the preſent time doth care,
" Oft times is inforſt to be poore and bare.
" And when thoſe preſent pleaſures paſt and gone
" As much the neere, if he had nere ſeene none.
" Then time to accompt doth call this follie,
" Checking him for all thoſe deeds vnholie.
" How he his time, ſo looſely ſpent in vaine,
" Which being ſpent, can nere be had againe.
" Then with ifs and ands he begins to ſay,
" Had I knowne this fore time had paſt away,
I had preuented that which now I finde,
But time is paſt, and thou tookeſt hold behind.
" Where naught remaines but a ſcul death portraiture,
" (As time doth paſſe,) it is of all moſt ſure.
" To ſpend this precious time it is a woe,
" Without regarding how the howres doth goe.
" When time makes ful the howres of times accompt,
" Asking how much the totall doth amount.
" Then all ill times by time vntimelie ſpent,
" Shall by that time, haue time then to repent.

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The answere to Machiauels vncaſing.

“ But all to late, ſith time was once reſuſ'd,
“ And time ſo decreely loſt, ſo much abuſ'd.
“ The date is out, 'tis true: the Clocke hath ſtrooke,
“ Time kindly offered all, when all forſooke.
“ This gem of worth moſt pretious is to youth,
“ But their ſelfe-wils hates knowledge of the truth,
“ Which ſhould bring their tender age vnto bliſſe,
“ The right way to that perfect happineſſe.
“ Which wold ſhew the how they ſhould ſpend the day,
“ With due reſpect how to ſpend the time away;
“ Not by idleneſſe, or fooliſh fanſies,
“ Subiect to many vitious miſchaunces.
“ Which luls their age with pleaſure faſt aſleepe,
“ Such pleaſures they were better loſe then keepe.
“ Tell thou the Clocke, as howres doth paſſe away,
“ And thinke how time doth turne all fleſh to clay.
Serue God, thy King, be to thy countrie true,
Liue till thou dieſt, then bid the world adue.
“ But liue in that ſort, that thou dieſt with fame,
“ That after death men giue thee a good name.
“ Which as Chronicles may laſt for euer,
“ In liuing thus thy life endeth neuer.
“ If to thy King thou proueſt vntrue vnjuſt,
“ Who will afterwards giue thee any truſt?
“ Then to thy *Prince*, giue due obedience,
“ And to thy betters ſeemely reuerence.
“ So ſhall thy fame on earth be had in ſtore,
“ And heauenly bleſſings giuen thee euermore.
“ If to Countrie thou haſt a treacher heart,
“ Thy words are worſe then a deepe venom'd dart.
“ Swine eats the flowres, then nulleſs vp the roote,
“ And none but beaſtly mindes will ſurely doo't.

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The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“ Or offer to ſpoile that, by which they’r bred,
“ Or betray the Country, in which they’r bred.
“ How manifeſt it is, of ſuch mens liues,
“ How their courſes euermore baſelie thrives.
“ Some themſelues vntimely death doth bring,
“ Others, in greefe of conſcience ſtill mourning.
“ Some wandring here, ſome therein wofull greefe,
“ Others pining in ſtreets, and wants reliefe.
“ Some ſtarke mad doth run, quite diſtract of all,
“ Others, in vaine, for comfort out doth call.
“ Some, in forraine countries deſires a place,
“ But gnawing conſcience brings them to diſgrace.
“ Some with audacious face doth faine excuſe,
“ But God cries vengeance gainſt ſo vild abuſe.
“ Some to *Magiſtrates* will ſue for fauour,
“ But poiſoned hearts doth of poyſon ſauour.
“ And all that to ſuch vildneſſe bends their courſes,
“ Are left comfortleſſe without remorſes.
Machiauels rules let *Machiauels* reade,
Loue thou thy God, his ſpirit be thy ſpeede.
“ His loue is richer then ſiluer or gold,
“ His home is Paradice the ſureſt hold.
“ His promiſe is ſure, for euer iuſt,
“ And tis the ſureſt hope that thou canſt truſt.
“ Thy *Ancor* being caſt vpon that ſhore,
“ Thy cable will hold faſt for euermore.
“ Loue not the world, to leaue true vertues loue,
“ Leaſt to thy deſtruction, it after proue.
“ The worldes loue, is but faire fancies flower,
“ Though ſeeming rich, yet wanting richeſt power.
Taxe no mans name in any euill matter,
But like a Chriſtian pray for eueſy creature.

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

“ Charitably wiſhing well to men,
“ The like rewards ſhall come to thee againe.
“ Let no mans name at all be wrong'd by thee,
“ The worſeſt euill, euer thine will be.
“ When infamies thou raiſeſt on thy brother,
Be ſure, gainſt thee thou ſhalt receiue none other.
“ Such meaſure as thou meateſt to thee is giuen,
“ He liues vprightly that keeps all euen.
“ But by good induour it may be gaind,
“ Hate vice, the onely meanes it is obtaind.
“ To be free from euill ſpeech, a Chriſtians care,
“ Be a loue of vertue, vice forbear.
Be ſorrie for the euill thou haſt done,
And goe on with the good thou haſt begunne.
“ A heart that's penitent true comfort findes,
“ To finde remorse, the heauenly lawes it bindes.
“ If thou beſinneſt any good, then proceed,
“ Thou ſhalt finde it to be a bleſſed deed.
Pray for thy faith, that it may faile thee neuer,
So if thou dieſt, yet ſhalt thou liue for euer.
“ Then ſhalt thou be brought to vertues pallace,
“ To receiue the true comfort of thy ſolace.
“ And for thy paine thou didſt indure here,
“ Thou euermore ſhalt finde a plenteous yeere.
“ Where neither hunger cold nor any want,
“ Shall hinder ioyes, or make thy pleaſures ſcant.
“ This is the benefit of a vertuous life,
“ This is true vertues force, to end all ſtrife.
“ This is vertues garden full of flowres,
“ Though on earth ſhee had many pinching houres.
“ This is vertues path, rightly leades to bliſſe,
“ This is vertues gift, his friends doth neuer miſſe.
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The answer to Machiauels vntasking.

- " This is vertues harbor voide of cares,
" This is vertues bountie who neuer spares :
" This is vertues pallace, adorn'd with state,
" This is vertues gift, neuer comes to late,
" This is vertues Parke, in foulds her deare,
" This is vertues care, who will not loose a haire,
" This is vertues armes, incircling round,
" This is vertue which now her right hath found,
" This is vertues walkes, whose aire's euer sweete,
" This is vertue her friends doth kindly greece,
" This is vertues Citty, whose gates are fast
" Gainst all that of her name made spoile or wast,
" This is vertues banket house, feeding all,
" This is vertue that heares the poore mans call,
" This is vertue that lou'd her parents kind,
" This is vertue that loue to all resign'd,
" This is vertue, releeuing friends in want,
" This is vertue whose loue was neuer scant:
" To any one that pouertie did respect,
" Who neuer will such kindnes once reiect,
" But kindly seeke such kindnes to requite,
" And all her friends shall haue their due and right.
" No cankered churles shall seek to crosse her of her wil
" But in her place shee remaines as *Empresse* still.
" Then seek (*my Son*) to serue this Goddesse pure diuine
" Be howerly offering gifts vnto her sacred Shrine,
" Doe not leaue her seruice, for the worlds treasure,
" Esteeme her paine aboue the chiefeest pleasure,
" Her paines are short, her ioies for euer lasting,
" Her loue is deare, her hate to sorrowes hasting,
" With reuerence (*my child*) kneele for her grace,
" Sue by petition in any case.

The answere to Machiauels vncaſing.

“ And neuer reſt till thou haſt got her fauour,
“ And it will bee double worth thy labour;
“ For thou ſuch a miſtreſ ſhalt haue of her:
“ That for her ſeruants good none comes neare her:
“ Shee giues her ſeruants old good meanes to liue,
“ When vice her ſeruants out of doores doth driue,
“ Shee helps her ſeruants in ſickneſſe and in health,
“ On ſuch preferments ſhee beſtowes her wealth.
“ Then be true ſeruant to ſuch a miſtris,
“ Who at all times with willing hart releues diſtreſſe.
“ Be mindfull of my words, giuen out of loue,
“ And happy to thy Father thou wilt proue.
“ What in the beginning I did declare,
“ Was but to ſhew thee what vaine courſes are,
“ That by the knowledge of them thou mightſt beware
“ How thou art caught in any vicious ſnare.
“ Make uſe of them, and wreſt them to the beſt,
“ And thou ſhalt find it yeelds thee quiet reſt.
“ By any meanes doe not to vaine humors growe,
“ Leſt that it quickly ſeeke thy ouerthrow.
“ Yeeld praife to God, in his lawes ſeeke to liue,
“ And at his pleaſure he will all things fitting giue.
“ If thou find’ſt any thing written here
“ That may to thy comfort anie way appeare,
“ Tis all that I craue or heart requireth,
“ Who only for thy chiefeſt good deſireth.
“ If thanks thou wilt beſtow, thou ſeemeſt kinde,
“ If vnthankfull, thou haſt a churliſh minde,
“ Sith all my labor is onlie for thy good,
“ Deſiring that it bee well vnderſtood:
“ Which if thou doeſt thou ſhalt be ſtill my *Sonne*,
“ Be true of heart what miſerie ſoeuer come.

“ *Fiſt*

The answer to Machiauels vncaſing.

- “ Firſt to God giue praiſe, to Prince and Country true,
“ Thy Parents reuerence, and ſo my *Sonne* adue.
“ *Machiauels* rules deny, yet uſe them as thy pleaſure;
“ False harted friends deſie, in all haue equal meaſure.
“ Uſe all theſe to good intent, and boldly ſay,
“ Thou maiſt with vertue, euermore keepe holiday.

FINIS.

